

Truancy/Dropout Symposium

Agenda

8:00 - 9:00 **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 - 9:05 **Welcome and Introduction**
Jon Akers, Executive Director
Kentucky Center for School Safety

9:05 - 9:40 **Updates**

Overview of No Child Left Behind Act
Cindy Owen, Staff Assistant
Kentucky Department of Education
This federal mandate continues to have serious implications for the education of Kentucky’s children. During this presentation, participants will learn about the provisions of the bill which represent the greatest challenges for the state and strategies for dealing with those challenges will be highlighted.

The Impact of Demographic Changes on Kentucky’s Educational System
Ron Crouch, Director
Kentucky State Data Center, University of Louisville
Demographic changes that will take place in Kentucky, including increases in immigrant and one-parent households, will require educators to make adjustments in the way they deliver services. In this presentation, participants will learn about the changes and the implications for educational programs.

9:40 - 9:50 **Break**

9:50 - 10:50 **Concurrent Workshops**

No Child Left Behind - Implications for Kentucky Schools

Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
The impact of No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) enacted in 2002 is far-reaching and has serious implications for Kentucky’s schools. While the state has already adopted and implemented many of the goals of NCLB as part of its educational reform plan, new requirements and different interpretations of assessment and accountability will require significant changes. In this workshop, you will learn about the requirements of the Act and the consequences for schools and districts that fail to comply.
Presenters: **Cindy Owen, Staff Assistant**
 Kentucky Department of Education

Barriers to Enrollment
Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
Kentucky schools are faced with the challenge of dealing with a more ethnically diverse and transient population. In addition, youth under the supervision of state agencies are more likely to experience multiple placements whether in foster homes, detention centers or other residential placements, resulting in frequent transfers between school districts. Issues such as record transfer delays, language barriers with parents and students, and differences in the ways districts assign academic credits, can lead to delays in enrollment and make it more likely that students become discouraged, and fall behind academically. In this workshop, you will learn how the Bowling Green Independent School district is dealing with these challenges and about effective practices that can be implemented in your district.
Presenters: **Vicki Writsel, Dir. of Special Programs,**
 Bowling Green Independent and
 Rebecca Painter, Science Instructor,
 Warren Detention Center

Junior Guard Program Improves Academics and Attendance Rates

Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
The Monroe County school district has operated a Junior Guard program for the past seven years and outcome data indicates significant increases in academics and attendance rates. The district partners with members of the Kentucky National Guard to operate the program which includes mentoring and teaching youth “hands-on” leadership and social skills that are needed to succeed in the real world. The presenter will discuss how the program was established and the results that can be achieved.
Presenter: **Kim Graves, KY ASAP and Drug and**
 Alcohol Coordinator and Junior Guard
 Coordinator, Monroe Co. School District

Intervention Strategies for At-Risk Youth
Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
Ramey-Estep Home is a residential treatment program which serves youth from multiple counties who have a history of emotional and behavioral problems. During the workshop, participants will learn how regular education, alternative education, and residential treatment education programs can work together to achieve academic success for students. Staff from the Home will share information about behavioral intervention strategies that have proven to be successful with these youth which can be implemented in other school districts. These strategies have lead to increased attendance and graduation rates.
Presenters: **Kathy Cook, Executive Director;**
 Jay Johnson, Chief Treatment Officer;
 Ann Brewster, Principal
 Ramey Estep; Tim Jarrell, Coordinator,
 Boyd County Central Alternative School

Truancy Courts: A Partnership That Works
Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
Truancy courts are a collaborative effort involving judges, court designated workers, and Family Resource/Youth Service Center staff. Bringing courts to schools is not considered a punitive step, but rather a way to engage families in the child’s education and to solve problems that prevent students from attending school. In this workshop, you will learn about how the courts operate in a school setting and the benefits of this collaboration.
Presenters: **Jeff Walson, Family Court Judge and**
 Robyn Johnson, Director, FACTS Youth
 Service Center, Madison Co.

10:50 - 11:00 **Break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Repeat of Morning Workshops**
**No Child Left Behind will not be offered during this session*

12:00 - 1:10 **Luncheon**

1:10 - 1:20 **Break**

1:20 - 2:20 **Concurrent Afternoon Workshops**

DPP Discussion Panel
Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
Five Directors of Pupil Personnel who serve on the Board of Directors for the state DPP organization will discuss how a school district’s policies and the enforcement of those policies impact the truancy problem. In addition, effective strategies for processing cases through the court system in a timely manner will be identified. There will also be a discussion of other critical issues related to truancy and dropout problems, and recommendations will be made about changes that need to be made to impact both problems.
Presenters: **Michael Ramsey, Owen Co.;**
 Chuck Stallard, Danville Independent;
 Pashia Staton, Bath Co.;
 Mike Castell, Marshall Co.;
 Rita Byrd, Ft. Thomas Independent
Moderator: **Thomas Daugherty, Jessamine Co.**

Keeping Students in School: Problems and Solutions
Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
In this workshop, participants will discuss the numerous causation factors of truancy and dropping out of school, many of which are common to both problems. Challenges faced by small and large districts and differences between rural and urban areas of the state will be identified and participants will share information about programs that have been effective in their school districts. It promises to be a lively discussion and provides an opportunity for attendees to voice their concerns and opinions.
Moderator: **Kerri Schelling, Training Coordinator,**
 Kentucky School Boards Association

Reducing Suspension Rates in Kentucky Schools

Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
In the 2002-2003 school year, there were a total of 76,886 out-of-school suspensions in Kentucky schools, an increase of 3.7% over the previous year. The negative consequences of suspensions include: increased risk to community as youth is often unsupervised, reduced ADA revenue, and increased chance that a youth will fall behind academically. With a federal grant administered by the Kentucky Center for School Safety, six school districts have initiated community service work programs in order to reduce overall suspension rates as well as the number of African-American students suspended. In this workshop, participants will learn about the successes of two of the districts as well as the challenges they faced in implementing changes.
Presenters: **David May, Research Associate,**
 Eastern Kentucky University;
 Nan Riekert, Program Manager,
 Fayette County;
 Charles Morton, Director of Student
 Services, Harlan Independent

Reducing Dropout Rates: Is Flexible Scheduling the Answer?

Attendees will receive 1 hour Leadership and/or SBDM credit
With the federal mandate to “Leave No Child Behind,” community partners in Owensboro have launched a promising new, competency-based high school delivery model for at-risk students. Owensboro Community & Technical College, in partnership with the Owensboro and Daviess County Public School Systems, is providing targeted students a unique “flex” schedule in a college learning environment. Based on a Colorado model, the *Bridges* Program utilizes *ACT WorkKeys* (an industry validated workforce development system) for assessment and instruction in eight foundational skill areas as well as *E-Discover*, an *ACT* career exploration program to enhance the skill attainment and work or college readiness of participants. Learn how this pilot program is meeting some of the diverse needs of its students.
Presenters: **Cindy Fiorella,**
 Dean of Community, Workforce, &
 Economic Development at Owensboro
 Community and Technical College and
 David Johnson,
 DPP for Owensboro Public Schools

2:20 - 2:30 **Break**

2:30 - 3:30 **Repeat of Afternoon Workshops**

3:30 **Symposium Ends**

**Please note that Leadership and/or SBDM credit will be given for each approved session attended.*

Registration/Lodging Information

There will be no registration fee for the Truancy/
Dropout Symposium. Participants will be
responsible for their own travel and lodging.

The Truancy/Dropout Symposium will be held at:

The Clarion Hotel (former Hurstbourne Hotel)
9700 Bluegrass Parkway
Louisville, KY 40299
1-502-491-4830

A block of rooms will be held by the Kentucky
Center for School Safety for the evening of Sunday,
May 2nd at a lodging rate of \$63.00. To receive the
conference rate, please request a room from the
Kentucky Center for School Safety block.

Directions:

From Cincinnati: 71 South to 264 West. 264 West to
64 East. Exit 15 South Hurstbourne Lane Exit. At light
at end of ramp, continue straight, crossing Hurstbourne
to Bluegrass Parkway.

From Lexington: 64 West to exit 15. At end of ramp
turn left, go under 64 underpass and at second stoplight,
take a left on to Bluegrass Parkway. The Clarion Hotel will
be on the right side.

From Louisville International Airport: 264 East to
64 East. At light at the end of ramp, continue straight
crossing Hurstbourne to Bluegrass Parkway. Clarion Hotel
will be on the right side.

If you have any questions, please contact
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Registration Deadline
April 14, 2004

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